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Residents stand to gain

Lawsuit could mean refunds for 1M+ AT&T customers

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

More than 1 million Illinois residents who have paid telephone lease costs to AT&T since 1986 stand to gain from a judge's ruling in Madison County.

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an attorney says. Circuit Judge P.J. O'Neill this month certified class action status on a Collinsville woman's lawsuit against Lucent Technologies Inc., the successor company to AT&T's telephone leasing division. The case is far from the trial stage, but it is gaining national attention. At issue are consumers who - knowingly or otherwise - pay lease

fees that far exceed the cost of their telephones. "There are between 300,000 and 400,000 current Illinois citizens who are still leasing these telephones," said plaintiff's attorney Steven Tillery of Belleville. "Some people who have come to us have paid more than \$1,700 (in lease costs) for an \$11 phone - and it's not their phone (to keep)."

Lucent's customers pay the worth of their telephone about every two months in lease fees, he said, despite the Federal Communication Commission's intent to do away with leasing programs when the Bell Telephone monopoly was broken up in

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Big tent sale



Ken Auduchon photo
Bruce Nicol and Carla Jackson look at signs at the "Under the Big Top" sale that took place at the Gateway center this weekend.

Ground to be broken for home

Construction begins on 'The Fountains'

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

A state-of-the-art retirement home is coming to Granite City. The groundbreaking ceremony for 'The Fountains' will take place at 9:30 a.m. today at 3450 Village Lane. In case of inclement weather, a ceremony will be held at Tri-city Assembly of God, 3400 Maryville Rd., at the same scheduled time. The Fountains will be built by Morrissey Construction Company of Alton and is slated to open in November. It was developed by American Senior Alternatives, Cathedral Rock Corp., a privately-funded company out of Fort Worth, Texas, will assume operations of it Aug. 1.

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Journals to start new issues

Suburban Newspapers of Greater St. Louis Inc. President and CEO Thomas E. Rice announced today the plan to launch six new Friday editions of the Suburban Journals in South and Jefferson counties, effective Aug. 13, 1999.

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Louis is currently the largest weekly newspaper group in the country with more than 72 editions of 38 individually and locally edited weekly newspapers, also known as the Suburban Journals. With weekly distribution of about 1.6 million, the Suburban Journals serve the entire suburban area of St. Louis.

"We made the decision to launch the Friday editions

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Riding the rail



Tim Stephenson photo
Dennis Singleton attempts a railslide recently in Granite City.

Venice school budget approved

District's financial situation has yet to be determined for the year

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A tentative \$3.9 million budget was approved by the Venice School Board, but there is no way to tell what kind of financial shape the district will be in.

Until questions about non-resident students and the repayment of about \$1.1 million in aid the Illinois State Board of Education says the district wrongly received in past years are resolved, there is no way to tell exactly how much income the district will receive.

The budget - which is available for public inspection for the next 30 days, and will be given final approval by September - calls for expenditures of \$3,947,240 for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, which began July 1.

That is compared to a \$3.5 million budget for the 1997-1998 school year, and \$3.7 million for the 1998-1999 school year. However, district income could range from about \$3.2

million to \$3.97 million, depending on what the ISBE does. If the ISBE does not reduce state aid or demand repayment from previous years, the

The "worst-case" scenario would be if the state reduces the aid ... and forces the district to repay the entire \$1.1 million.

district would have an estimated income of \$3.97 million, a slight surplus.

The "worst-case" scenario would be if the state reduces the aid based on its estimate of the number of nonresident students, and forces the district to repay the entire \$1.1 million over a three-year period.

That would give the district \$3.26 million in revenue and a projected deficit of slightly

less than \$700,000. The Board also voted to rescind reduction in force notices to teachers at the Venice-Lincoln Technical Center.

The notices - required by law to lay off teachers - had been sent in the spring because funding for the center was not secured.

It is a standard practice to RIF teachers in programs paid for by grants or other state funds because those funds are not appropriated until mid-summer.

However, Kevin Baker, president of Venice Federation of Teachers Local 965, questioned whether other RIF notices sent to teachers in the district would also be rescinded.

Acting superintendent Robert Vickers said at the time he has not been able to look into the matter, but said Friday morning that those notices appeared to have been sent improperly.

Baker also said the union was suspending action on several labor grievances to give Vickers a chance to deal with the problems.

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Lawsuit could force refunds

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in the early 1990s.

"The original intent of the FCC was that all these leases would have been terminated within two years of divestiture in 1984," Tillery said.

The FCC, however, does not have regulatory authority over the lease programs and has left the matter up to the courts, he said.

The suit was filed in September 1996 by Tillery on behalf of Donna Crain of Collinsville and similarly affected telephone lease customers. Crain said she was promised products at a "reasonable fixed monthly price," as well as services through AT&T Phone Center Stores in shopping malls in Madison County and in Illinois.

Instead, according to the suit, AT&T later: — Closed all of its phone center stores.

— Increased monthly rental fees to "unconscionably higher prices."

— Provided Crain and other class members with used, refurbished replacement equipment instead of new.

— Began charging three months payable in advance fees instead of the monthly contract term.

Crain voluntarily withdrew as plaintiff after procedural objections were filed that threatened to damage the rights of class-action members if she remained, Tillery said. Plaintiff Charles Sparks of Collinsville, who joined the case later, remains the sole named plaintiff.

After several protracted courtroom debates, O'Neill dismissed the lawsuit in March, saying that plaintiffs could find relief for their complaint either through the FCC or in federal court.

Last week, however, O'Neill reversed gears, restoring the case and denying dismissal motions by Lucent's attorneys.

That decision came only after Tillery enlisted the help of the FCC to enter the case as a friend of the court.

The U.S. District Attorney's Office, acting as the FCC's legal representative, filed a motion in May saying it had no view on the suit's merits but had "strong interests in the outcome of this case."

Tillery's lawsuit was the first or second filed out of five nationally challenging Lucent's sales practices. This case differs from the others, which have been consolidated as one and are pending in the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Alabama.

Journals plan new editions

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team spent several months planning and developing the new products and their respective coverage areas."

The new Friday editions will be published by six of the Suburban Journals' 38 weekly newspapers, increasing their days of publication from two to three days each week: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. They are the South County Journal, the Southwest County Journal and the Oakville-Mehlville Journals in South County and, in Jefferson County, the News Democrat Journal, the Meramec County Journal and the Jefferson County Journal. Combined, these newspapers have a distribution of more than 134,000 each publication day.

In addition to a third day of the best local news, sports and classified coverage in South and Jefferson counties, the new Friday editions will debut two newly created sections focused on entertainment and suburban home living to help readers plan and maximize their free time.

Time Off will provide a variety of entertainment news including dining, movies, weekend getaways, gaming news, complete TV listings and the only complete TV movie capsules to help readers identify the movies they want to watch. Suburban Home will feature weekly articles on home improvements, home decor, fashion, gardening, and a variety of other useful tips and features.

The newly created Time Off and Suburban Home sections will also be distributed with the Suburban Journals' for St. Charles County newspapers. Already published three days each week, including Friday, the O'Fallon Journal, the St. Peters Journal, the St. Charles Journal

and the Wentzville Journal have a combined distribution of more than 80,000 each publication day.

The Suburban Journals are dedicated to the communities they serve and are involved in hundreds of community organizations. The most notable of these are the Women of Achievement recognition awards and the Journals' Old Newsboy Day Fund for Children's Charities, which in the past five years has twice been recognized by the Suburban Newspapers of America's Best Public Service/Community Event Promotion — Advertising and Promotions Contest.

The Suburban Journals have also recently been awarded three first-place honors in the National Federation of Press Women's Missouri Affiliate 1999 Communications Contest; the Progressive Youth Center's 1999 World of Children Media Award; two first-place awards, eight in total, in the Missouri Press Association Better Newspaper Contest; and two first-place awards, seven in total, in the Missouri Ad Manager Association 1999 Best of Missouri Advertising Contest.

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Fountains construction work to begin

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The Fountains will be built as an assisted-living residence. Some tenants will have an opportunity to care for themselves. Those who cannot will receive daily assistance, as well as entertainment.

According to Kent Harrington, the founder of Cathedral Rock Corporation, the H-shaped, 26,000-square-foot facility will consist of 40 units comprising 21 studio and 19 one-bedroom apartments. They will be equipped with kitchenettes, cable access and an emergency call system. The Fountains will also feature a commercial kitchen and laundry and therapy rooms. The exterior will boast a walking path and a serene lake.

Dan Brown, director of economic development for Granite City, said the city

did not oppose the facility, but was concerned about water runoff along Maryville Road due to its size. He said he was assured by the contractors that it would be built in a way to contain water runoff.

The corporation owns 13 properties, located

throughout Texas, Illinois, Ohio and South Carolina. This year, it acquired two nursing homes in Granite City: the Colonnades, a 90-bed facility, and Colonial Care, a 122-bed facility.

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Group protests planned closing of nursing home

40 take part in Edwardsville demonstration

By Tony Masinelli
Staff writer

Members of the County Homes Action Committee gathered Saturday on the steps of the Madison County Courthouse to hold a rally and march in protest of the proposed closing of the Madison County Nursing Home.

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More than 40 demonstrators, including committee members and their supporters, participated in the second annual Wheelchair Rumble. To symbolize the plight of those nursing home residents who are unable to fight for themselves, many protesters rode in wheelchairs.

"The reason for this is that a year ago, in January, the Madison County Board decided to put two tax increases associated with the two county homes on the ballot, and the public voted against the increases," explained Debbie

Groeteka, co-chairperson of the CHAC. "The board took that as a vote against the homes, rather than a vote against more taxes. So they decided to close both homes."

Last July, after the first Wheelchair Rumble, about 500 residents attended a hearing at Edwardsville High School and voiced strong support for the homes. The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board subsequently denied a request by the county for permits to close both homes.

According to Groeteka, the Madison County Board took action last October to submit a new plan calling only for the closure of the county nursing home. The board was told to explore other options, but board members appealed the decision.

A hearing was scheduled for July 22 in Springfield by Judge Richard Hart, and attorneys and other interested parties prepared to defend their positions.

On Friday, however, an attorney for the Illinois Health

Facilities Planning Board issued copies of a request for a 28-day continuance. The motion states that the planning board and the county have "entered into discussions to resolve certain contested matters" and the request is being made "in the interest of justice."

Groeteka said she has issued several requests for information about a possible plan of action that may be developing, but county officials have been less than forthcoming.

"I went to the County Administration Building, but all I could hear was that the plan has to be kept under wraps until it is finalized," Groeteka said. "I don't know how much good it will do for anyone to review it after it is finalized."

Meanwhile, the uncertain future of the nursing home is causing a decline in residency there, which means that taxpayers are paying for empty beds, Groeteka said.

"When public officials make private deals, how can the best interests of the public be served?" asked Gary Groeteka, co-chairman of the CHAC. "Government is founded on the principle of by the people, for the people and of the people — not by the politicians, for the politicians and of the politicians. To have this deal come together without public input is wrong."

Eks raise money for therapy

Lodge collects \$21,000 to pay for girl's expenses

By Michael Hall
Staff writer

Granite City Elks Lodge 1063 is known for its charitable drives, according to past Exalted Ruler Joe Willis. As an example, from February to July members worked together with the community to raise \$21,000 for 13-year-old Ashleigh Stroder, who was paralyzed in January from the waist down because of a sledding mishap.

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Stroder, whose family resided in Mitchell at the time, was hospitalized for several months at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, during which time medical costs skyrocketed because of the therapy she received. The Stroders' medical insurance virtually paid for the costs except for those incurred from the therapy. Those costs, according to Willis, were staggering.

When Willis learned of the Stroders' financial hardship, he sprang into action to coordinate an effort to raise money to help them. After working with numerous local businesses and individuals in the community for a little over five months, the lodge held a chicken and beer dance, raffle



The Stroder family and members of Granite City Elks Lodge 1063 pose for a picture during the benefit. Back row from left are: Bill Russell of the Illinois Crippled Children's Corporation, benefit chairman Joe Willis, Ashleigh's father and mother Randy and Susan Stroder and their son Jason. Front row from left are Ashleigh's sister, Jessica, and Ashleigh.

and auction in early July. About 250 people attended, from which \$18,000 was raised.

The Illinois Crippled Children's Corporation, which is affiliated with the lodge, chipped in an additional \$3,000. Willis, who was the chairman of the benefit, said it was successful because of strong community support.

"People donated money. Businesses donated money, as well as items auctioned,"

Willis said. "We could not have raised the money without the wonderful community we live in. On behalf of the Stroder family and Granite City Elks Lodge 1063, we greatly appreciate everyone's generosity."

The money raised will be put into a trust fund for Ashleigh. Donations can be made at the Bank of Edwardsville, Pontoon Beach Branch.

Group offering classes, programs

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois is offering a series of classes and programs in July ranging from how to open a family child care center to being a better baby sitter.

"We got a really good

response," said Kim Hunt, supervisor of CHASI's Child Care Resource & Referral program. "Some of them fill up rather quickly, especially the CPR/first aid training because it's required for child care providers."

Most of the programs are two or three hours, and additional programs are being offered in August and September.

While most are geared toward professional child care programs, the baby sitting clinic is open for 10 to 15-year-olds.

Pre-registration is required for all the programs. To register, call 452-9200, and ask for the specific extension.

The programs include:
• Opening A Family Child Care Business — from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at CHASI, 2133 Johnson Rd. in Granite City. The cost is \$20.

• First Aid — from

6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at the American Red Cross, 3701 B. Nameoki Road, Granite City. The program will be presented by the American Red Cross.

The fee is \$15. Participants must register by July 16 by calling extension 124.

• HIV/AIDS: What's It Got To Do With Children — from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Collinsville Memorial Public Library, 408 W. Main St., Collinsville.

Dale Wrigley of Bethany Place will present the program. The cost is \$5. Participants must register by July 20 by calling extension 124.

• Child Development Associate Orientation — from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, at CHASI. The program will be by Kim Hunt, supervisor for CHASI's Child Care Resource & Referral program.

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Routines help kids learn responsibility

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Dennis O'Brien
FAMILY MATTERS

families with children cannot

afford. Families need this time to share, encourage and reconnect.

Although organizing family meals takes planning and self-discipline, families should strive to dine together five evenings a week. Select a regular day each week to compare schedules, plan the meals and do the shopping for the following week.

When necessary, vary the meal times to accommodate family schedules rather than miss an opportunity to dine together. Incidentally, when family members are able to prepare a meal together, it becomes even more of a family event.

Regular chores also need to be routine. This includes

deciding who does the chores and when they are to be completed.

Scheduling is important.

For example, your teen should do her or his own laundry. It should then be decided when laundry should be done so it does not inconvenience others.

In addition, children that share a bathroom with other family members should work out a schedule for who showers and cleans up at certain times. Routines in areas like these bring a sense of predictability to a family and have a calming effect on everyone.

My daughter began setting the table for dinner when she was 5. This responsibility helped her gain a sense of involvement in an important family activity and took a little pressure off the cook.

When she was 6, Jessen learned that completing her homework should always come before television.

Jessen knew if she got herself dressed, finished her breakfast, took her vitamin and gathered her backpack and lunch box before we were ready to take her to school, she would have a few minutes

to watch television or relax with her toys. However, if she dawdled, making us late, she would lose several privileges for the day.

She also was expected to make her bed in the morning, pick up her things at all times and bathe herself every other day immediately after dinner.

Although simple routines take little effort to establish, they make life more predictable and simple for us all. They also make it easier for children to understand that there are natural consequences — such as losing television privileges — when they don't do what is expected.

Be sure to reinforce good behavior with praise. Obviously, sometimes unanticipated events occur. However, variations in routines are easy to handle.

Parents who structure family routines to train young children often find that providing stability and guidance during the teen-age years comes more easily.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

ASF names quality manager

Clarence "Chip" Grafton IV has been named manager of quality assurance at American Steel Foundries' Granite City plant. It was announced by John Worles Jr., plant manager.

American Steel Foundries is a division of AMSTED Industries. The appointment was effective May 1.

Prior to his new position, Grafton had been quality assurance supervisor since 1998. He joined the company in 1996 as a safety and health engineer and was named process control engineer in 1997. Prior to

joining American Steel Foundries, Grafton was loss control engineer at Legett/Platt in Carthage, Mo.

He earned a BS degree in occupational safety and health engineering from Murray State University in Murray, Ky. He is a certified quality auditor and welder. Grafton resides in Glen Carbon.

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Many shrubs and small trees can be transplanted without causing any undue harm to the plant. And there are many reasons for doing so. Your teenager decides a volleyball court would be perfect if only that tree wasn't in the way. You'd like to build a shed, but the shrubs are forcing you to make do with a smaller size. And the list goes on. Many gardeners decide in transplanting every year, sort of like moving the furniture around to get a new look. Here's how to go about it.

If you can tackle the job while the plant's still small, so much the better. It'll be easier for you and the plant. Plus, the plant will recover quicker from it.

Decide upon the new location before doing anything. If it seems suitable, dig the hole first. Make sure it's the same size as the original hole (three to four times the width of and as deep as the root ball). If you're in doubt, it's best to make the hole a little too big than too small. Then dig around the plant, being careful of the roots. You don't want to disturb any more of them than necessary. The roots supply nourishment to the rest of the plant, so the more you remove, the less nourishment that plant's going to get.

Adequate soil surrounding the plant is also very important. A plant that is moved carefully, with as much soil as possible left intact, has a better chance of survival. We're not suggesting a ton of soil that'll make the plant too heavy to lift, but enough to keep both you and the plant happy.

Once the plant is out of the ground, keep its roots moist at all times. Allowing the roots to dry out is like handing the plant a death sentence.

Don't keep the plant out of the ground any longer than absolutely necessary, but take enough time to do the job right. Try to place the plant in its new home within thirty to sixty minutes.

Set the plant in the hole much the same way as you did when planting it originally. If it was staked in its old location, re-stake it. Make sure it's standing straight, and this means viewing it from every angle.

Water the plant just as you would if it was its first planting. Applying a layer of mulch around its base will keep the soil moist and help prevent weed growth.

Here's a transplanting tip that shrubs are probably reluctant to try, but we recommend it, and so do other gardening experts. Cut the growth back by about a third. Trim it to the shape you desire, removing about a third of the growth overall. This may seem drastic, but experiments have shown that you should stick with this rule if you want quick recovery of the tree. When we say "recovery" it sounds a little harsh, but you're actually doing a form of surgery on the plant, and it needs to bounce back from it.

Back to the cutting of the growth. If you don't perform this step, the plant will look fine for a while, but may go into a relapse. You will see poor foliage, poor growth and maybe even a dead branch or two. Recovery can be delayed for as much as two years. If the tree was cut back by a third, there will be sufficient roots to support the smaller amount of plant growth.

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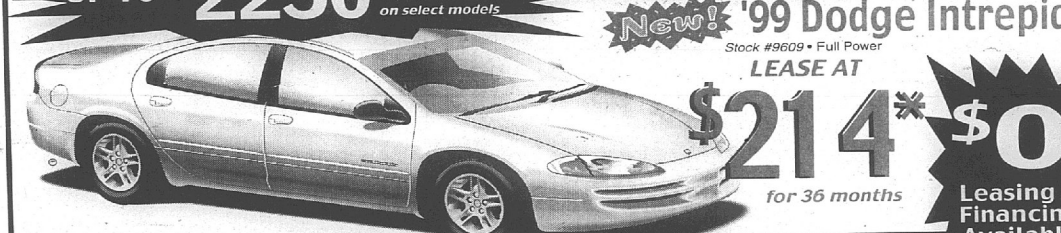
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Bible school to start
 Suburban Baptist Church, 2500 St. Clair Ave., will have its "Vacation Bible School" through July 16. It will begin at 9 a.m. and last until noon and will be for children ages 3 to the 6th grade. For more information call 876-7404.

Reading program open
 Those interested can still sign up at the Granite City Public Library for the summer reading program, entitled "Time Trek Readers." Special programs, a game, crafts and prizes will be awarded to children and teens who sign up. For more information contact the main library at 452-6238 or the branch library at 452-6244.

Calvary Baptist offers Bible School
 Calvary Baptist Church, 3000 Washington Ave., Granite City, will be holding its "Vacation Bible School" for children ages 3 through sixth grade from 6:30 p.m. July 18-23. The theme for this year is "Mt. Extreme: Climbing to New Heights With Jesus." For information or a ride, call Pastor Fred Boatright at 677-6066.

Prudential firm sold
 Gayth Cox, broker-owner of Prudential One Realty Centre, has announced the sale of Prudential One to Robert Plummer on June 2. Cox will remain as broker and Kaye Gredjak will remain as manager of the Glen Carbon office. The Maryville office will continue to be managed by Susan Landing. Realty Centre of Edwardsville, Inc., opened in 1966 at 2 Center Grove Road with eight agents and sales of \$5 million. In the following years, they became a Prudential Real Estate Affiliate and opened the current offices at Country Club Executive Park and on Illinois 159 in Maryville. Sales in 1998 exceeded \$125 million by more than 50 sales associates. Although ownership will change, Cox and Plummer share a management philosophy that values customer service, integrity, professionalism and concern for the welfare of employees and the community.

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Obituaries

Gerhard Seim

GERHARD K. SEIM, 66, of Madison died at 7:49 p.m. Sunday, July 11, 1999, in Madison. He was born Feb. 16, 1933, in Mannheim, Germany.

Mr. Seim was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville and of the Collinsville Soccer Association.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Seim of Granite City and Brian Seim of Burlington, Iowa; a sister, Lydia Roper of Germany; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Konrad and Anna (Scholl) Seim; and a brother, Will Seim.

Mr. Seim's remains were cremated. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Her Funeral Home in Collinsville handled arrangements.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association or the church are suggested.

Lucille Petrokovich

LUCILLE PEARL (NANCE) PETROKOVICH, 61, of Granite City died at 11:44 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Feb. 9, 1938, in Cairo.

Mrs. Petrokovich was a member of Victory Fellowship Church in Granite City.

She married George Petrokovich on June 27, 1972, in Hartford. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Survivors include a niece, Brenda Schneidde, with whom she lived; two sisters, Mary Nance of East Alton and Martha Nance; four brothers, Charles Nance of Platteville, Henry Nance of Hartford, Paul Nance of Wood River and Jesse Nance.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, George and Minnie (Gonco) Nance.

Services were Tuesday, July 13, at Marks Mortuary in Wood River, with the Rev. Lavey officiating. Burial was in Wanda Cemetery in South Roxana.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association are suggested.

Iva Syniski

IVA (APPLEGATE) SYNISKI of Staunton died at 5:17 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 1999, at St. Louis University Hospital.

She was born in Martinsburg, Ill. Mrs. Syniski was an Accounting Secretary for the Department of Agriculture in St. Louis.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Staunton.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Syniski; four daughters, Patricia Dittich, JoAnn Brewer, Sharon Arbogast, all of Granite City, and Lisa Schwaikert of Duncan, Okla.; a son Russell Harrell of Peoria; two sisters, Maxine Eile of Alton and Ima Jean Scott of Bowling Green, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and a step great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Catherine (McMahon) Applegate; first husband Bobby Joe Stout and second husband Ira Dean Harrell.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 13, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Staunton with the Rev. George Radosevich officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Livingston. Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made in the form of Masses.

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Farmers may harvest bumper corn crop

By Ande Yakelits
Staff writer

Farmers may harvest a bumper crop of corn this fall, but they'll be paid the lowest price in years for their golden grain at the market.

"We have an excellent corn crop, one of the best in many years," Moro area farmer Jerry Kruckeberg said. "The price we'll get at the market for our corn may be among the lowest ever."

The price for corn at Illinois markets plunged below an average of \$2 a bushel Thursday, near the lowest in 11 years, according to an analyst at the Chicago Grain Market.

"In October, when the corn bins are full, we might even see lower prices at the market," Kruckeberg said. "The price for soybeans at the market fell below \$4.19 this week, one of the lowest prices in 25 years."

"There is a surplus of corn on the market and a potential for a big crop this fall, and that keeps the market price down for farmers," said Robert Bellini, an agriculture adviser of the University of Illinois Extension at Edwardsville.

Thousands of acres of lush, green corn has grown to more than 8 feet tall in farm fields across Madison, Jersey, Greene, Calhoun and Macoupin counties.

About 900 acres is pollinating on Kruckeberg's farmland near Bethalto, Moro and Hamel in Madison County.

"It's been an ideal growing season for corn," he said. "We've had plenty of rain for the corn pollination. The cooler weather on Wednesday and Thursday was good to help pollinate the corn."

"We had about 200 bushels an acre in 1992, and that was a big corn year," he said. "The corn is growing tall,

green and healthy, said Madison County farmer Gordon Gass, who grows corn and soybeans in the bottom land of Nameoki and Chouteau townships.

"It's one of the best corn crops I've seen in years, but the market price is one of the lowest," said Gass, who has been farming much of his life.

The price for corn at the market is falling, but the costs of planting the crop keep

escalating, Gass said.

"It costs about \$110 an acre to plant corn after you pay for seed, fertilizer, chemicals and fuel to run your farm machinery," he said.

Farmers across Madison County are growing an estimated 95,000 acres of corn for the harvest in September and October, said Ray Givlio of the Madison County Farm Service Agency in Edwardsville.

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Russians coming to learn about democratic society

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

A group of Russian dignitaries will soon visit the area to learn about life in a democratic society.

With the support of \$10 million from the federal government, the Library of Congress has invited about 3,000 Russian political leaders to the United States during late July, August and September.

The visitors will be housed by volunteer American families during one or two weeks of grass-roots experiences.

Chuck Markowitz of Glen Carbon plans to house four Russians and a translator. "They've never known a free system. They just replace one form of totalitarianism with another. They don't know what to do because they don't have a model. We had the British and French models when we started here," Markowitz said that many of the visitors will

eventually be in key positions once Russian President Boris Yeltsin's regime ends, and it will benefit them to view the workings of a democracy.

"Say one is a banker. I'll get him in touch with how American bankers work and introduce him to bankers in the area. Maybe in the evenings we'll go to a St. Louis Cardinals game, the Mundy Opera and school board and city council meetings."

Municipal, regional and national leaders from Russia will also observe activities in schools, hospitals, courts and religious organizations. Markowitz will serve as a host through the Russian Initiative program of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, which will welcome about 1,000 of the 3,000 guests. He has received some donations to help offset costs.

Other hosts include: Rotary International, American Councils for International Education and the Open Society Institute. Markowitz got clearance to go behind the Iron Curtain after he retired from the U.S. Department of Defense in 1993. His first visit to Russia inspired a love affair with the country, and he will return there for the fifth time in October. He describes himself as a "combination tourist and private missionary."

Markowitz, a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Edwardsville, said Methodists have been in Russia for about 100 years. In the 1920s, Methodists were persecuted and forced to give up their buildings and go

underground.

He said a project to re-establish the Methodist church in Russia has been under way since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. However, democracy is still a nearly incomprehensible system to most Russians. "One difference between the U.S. and Russia is that they have no law of contracts. They have contracts but no legal basis to uphold them. Before the fall of communism, people just had contracts with the government."

Markowitz said the Methodist church is trying to buy land and erect buildings, but they've been cautious in their proceedings. On a personal level, Markowitz has done volunteer maintenance work in a hospital near St. Petersburg. The Methodist church sends medicine to the hospital and also works there as an adoption outlet.

Markowitz said Methodists in the United States hope to raise nearly \$100,000 this year to build a church in Russia. They also helped charter the first Methodist men's club in Russia three years ago.

"We're trying to show the Russian people a Christian concept that we call a holistic approach to religion, with things like soup kitchens, hospitals and helping (curb) the huge problem there of drugs and alcohol," Markowitz said.

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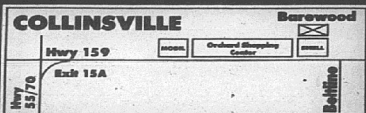
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Statham had rooting interest in PSG finale

McKendree players
help gold-medal effort

For an observer of the recent Prairie State Games, the relaxed summer atmosphere was most appreciated, especially when it allowed time for me to speak with Harry Statham, the highly respected coach of the McKendree College men's basketball program.

Headed for his 33rd season at the McKendree helm, Statham was drawn to the men's open basketball at the Games, where he and I watched with interest as the Southwestern South posted a 99-89 gold medal victory against Blackhawk North.

Among the Southwestern South's players were former McKendree players Andre Taylor, Jason Schneider and Pejuan Riddle; and current McKendree players Moore, a 6-foot-4 forward from Hazelwood, Mo.; and Ted Blackett, a 6-5 senior forward whose trail to McKendree is among the paths that have helped make Statham famous.

"He's an outstanding young man who came to St. Louis and lived with his brother a few years ago when (his brother) was taking law classes at Saint Louis University," Statham said of Blackett. "Ted went to Eureka High School and then spent two years at Meramec (Community College), where he was their best player before coming to us."

The American Midwest Conference Newcomer of the Year as a junior when he averaged 12 points per game, Blackett sat out last season due to an ankle injury but appears ready to spark the Bearcats in 1999-2000.

"He's a strong player," Statham said while I watched a most interesting one-on-one situation that had me convinced Blackett is bound to help the coach who already is the winningest in the history of Illinois collegiate basketball.

Among the players for the Blackhawk team was 6-8 Damir Krupalija, a sophomore-in-being at the University of Illinois where he started on occasion last season. While Blackett scored 14 for the winners who were led by Steve Schieppie with 25 points, Yugoslav native Krupalija scored 11.

Moore added eight points for the champions who extended coach Ron Awsumb's PSG record to 29-4.

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Tri City manager Chad Lignoul, left, talks with catcher Matt Mercer, middle, and pitcher Scott Scharden in a recent game.

Tri City streaks to 6th consecutive win

Nine-run inning sinks Belleville

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Tri City needed only one inning of sound offense Sunday to build on its recent torrid stretch.

Post 113 exploded for nine runs in the fifth inning en route to a 9-3 win against Belleville. The victory was Tri City's sixth in a row.

Tri City trailed 3-0 entering the home half of the fifth. With one out, Elliot Dine and Matt Mercer hit back-to-back singles. Dine scored on Jeff Schlecht's single to left.

Teddy Millas hit a ball that took a hard hop in the infield grass, bounced over Jason Diekemper's head at third, and plated both Mercer and Schlecht. Jason Accord and Millas then scored on Shawn O'Dell's single. O'Dell, Matt Pistorius, Devin Mayes and Dine scored before Belleville recorded another out.

"They scored nine runs on us, and I don't think they hit a ball hard enough to break a window," Belleville coach Tom Baltz said. "But that the way it goes. It wasn't really defense. The ball took a bad hop over the third baseman's head, that was the play of the game. If he makes that play — and I don't

expect him to make that play, when it bounces like that — but if he does, it's a double play and we are out of the inning. That's just the way it goes."

Doug Morris took the loss for Belleville, which fell to 12-6 in the league and 20-10 overall.

Mayes started on the mound for Tri City and kept his team in the game long enough for the lumber to come alive.

"Devin came out and pitched a great game," Tri City coach Chad Lignoul said. "We didn't really come out and give him a whole lot of support at the very beginning of the game. We made a couple of errors. But he stuck it out."

"It was great," Dine said. "It feels great to get back up to 500. That's our sixth in a row. Everybody pitched in tonight. We felt good despite the game earlier in the day (an 8-7 win over Calookia). It was great weather, we were glad it wasn't so hot. It feels good to get a couple of wins in a row."

Post 113 welcomed the breathing space the offensive outburst allowed.

"We've been struggling, really," Lignoul said. "It sounds bad, but even though we have

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Duo lifted Lancers to sectional crown

Perez sparked Belleville East with intensity

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Abbie Perez didn't attract a lot of attention on the soccer field, especially compared to high-scoring teammate Christen Seaman.

But when it came to Belleville East's success this season, Perez played an equally important role. That's why she shares the Journal Newspaper of Southern Illinois' Player of the Year honors with Seaman.

"Abbie put a lot of pressure on other teams and played with a lot of intensity," East coach Mark Lasley said of Perez, a four-year varsity veteran who had 16 goals and 19 assists as a senior. "She's not a flashy player, but she does a lot of the grinding work that you need to win. She's always in your face and creating a lot of turnovers."

"She loves to run and she's definitely in shape. I hardly ever had to ask her if she needed somebody to (substitute) for her."

The 1999 season — which saw the Lancers post a school-record 21-3 record while claiming regional and sectional titles — surpassed Perez's

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T.L. Witt photo

Belleville East senior Christen Seaman scored 41 goals this spring to lead the Lancers to a 21-3 record and the IHSA Columbia Sectional championship. Seaman shared Journal Newspaper of Southern Illinois Player of the Year honors with teammate Abbie Perez.

Seaman blended scoring touch with dedication

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

With 41 goals this season and 100 in her high school career, Christen Seaman posted some eye-popping numbers as a soccer player at Belleville East.

But the numbers, as impressive as they are, don't tell the full story of why Seaman has been selected as co-Player of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"Christen puts a lot of time into her game," East coach Mark Lasley said of Seaman, a four-year varsity veteran who will play next season at the University of West Virginia. "Whether it's her club team, ODP (Olympic Development Program) or the high school, she's involved all the time with soccer."

"A lot of kids looked up to her as a leader and a role model."

Seaman isn't a one-dimensional goal scorer. At West Virginia, she'll play on defense, which is where she plays for her select team, J.B. Marine of St. Louis.

"I'm definitely better on defense than I am on offense," Seaman said. "But whether

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Legion standings

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Senior Standings (Through July 11)			
Team	League	Overall	
Edwardsville	11-1	21-2	
O'Fallon	17-3	15-8	
Collingsville	10-5	21-8	
Highland	10-5	17-12	
Belleville	11-4	20-10	
Freeburg	10-6	17-7	
Fairview Heights	9-6	17-7	
Waterloo	9-7	9-7	
St. Charles	7-8	17-10	
Nashville	5-5	11-6	
Bethalto	7-8	16-8	
City	7-8	9-8	
South Roxana	5-8	5-8	
East St. Louis	4-7	4-7	
Smithton	5-7	5-5	
Alton	5-12	15-16	
Chakola	4-14	5-17	
Dupo	1-15	3-17	

District 22 Senior Statistics (Through July 11) (District games only)	
HITTING	
Batting Average	
Player	AB Avg.
S. Haake, Waterloo	40 .550
J. Schmrhl, Waterloo	20 .517
Vallero, Smithton	41 .488
T. Krick, Smithton	37 .460
Asaustkas, Collinsville	46 .478
Seibert, Marshallville	25 .478
Wuehlner, Alton	37 .459
Grindstaff, O'Fallon	57 .456
E. Barr, Highland	22 .455

Home Runs		HR	P155/80R13
Wayne Astraukas, Collinsville	7	\$29.75 ea. - 2 For \$49.99	
Steve Hake, York	5	S&S Series	4 For \$149.99
Justin McBride, Troy	5	P60 Series	
Mike Brown, Fairview Heights	5	P125/60R13	
Shawn Hamann, York	5	P125/60R13	
Kevin Sanguolo, Belleville	5	\$42.25 ea. - 2 For \$84.49	
Justin Clayton, Collinsville	5	S&S Series	4 For \$149.99
Brooke Colvin, Canton	5	P165/75R14	
Jeremy Schmersahl, Waterloo	5	P165/75R14	
Dave Binkley, Fairview Heights	5	P205/75R14	
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Jared Hayes, Troy	5		

Player	Trips	75 Series 15" Sizes	\$205/\$158	4 For \$575
Travis Krick, Smithton	3B	P205/70R15	\$205/\$158	
Jason Ballasteros, Bethalto	3	P215/75R15	\$215/\$158	
Jared Hayes, Troy	3	P205/70R15	\$205/\$158	
Kevin Sanguolo, Belleville	3	P215/75R15	\$215/\$158	
Andrew Batson, Columbia	3	P205/70R15	\$205/\$158	2 For \$350
Steve Haake, Waterloo	2	70 Series 14" Sizes	4 For \$275	
John Steele, Columbia	2	P185/70R14	\$185/\$142	
Sean Kennedy, Columbia	2	P205/70R14	\$205/\$142	
Shawn Hampton, O'Fallon	2	P215/70R14	\$215/\$142	
Robert Babin, St. Louis	2	70 Series 15" Sizes	4 For \$275	
Chris Macklin, East St. Louis	2	P205/70R15	\$205/\$158	
Kyle Frederich, Belleville	2	P215/75R15	\$215/\$158	
Brad Daubach, Belleville	2	P205/68R15	\$205/\$158	
Jason Diekmeyer, Belleville	2	\$57.95 ea.	2 For \$115.90	
Matt Bogle, Edwardsville	2			
Sisk, Bethalto	2			
Herderoth, Cahokia	2			

Player	Doubles	2B
Steve Haake, Waterloo		8
Dan Munoz, Collinsville		7
Dave Thebeau, Canvillville		6
Ryan Grindstaff, O'Fallon		5
Ted Millis, Tri City		4
Justin McBride, Waterloo		3
Jeremy Schmersahl, Waterloo		2
Schwierjohn, Alton		1
Ned O'Donnell, Springfield		0
Justin Clayton, Collinsville		
Dave Tebbe, Highland		
Jon Valtieri, Smithton		
Elliot Dine, Tri City		
Andy Lewis, Troy		
Tom Tostoy, Waterloo		

Runs Batted In		RBI	
Player			
Justin Clayton, Collinsville	21	P185/75R14 WW	XH4
Steve Haake, Waterloo	21		'69
Shawn Hampton, O'Fallon	20	P205/75R15 BLK	X17
Justin McBride, Troy	19		'64
Todd Baebler, Troy	19	P205/65R15 BLK	XV4
Mike Valtorio, Smithton	18		'64
Mike Brown, Fairview Heights	18	P205/65R15 BLK	XV4
Travis Jones, Belleview	18		'64
Brooks Colvin, O'Fallon	17	P205/65R15 BLK	XV4
Jeremy Schmerschaj, Waterloo	17	P205/65R15 BLK	XV4
Tim Hebbard, Collinsville	17	P205/65R15 BLK	XV4
Kenny Diers, Cahokia	15	P205/65R15 BLK	XV4

Runs Scored	
Player	Runs
Wayne Austraskas, Collinsville	24
Steve Haake, Waterloo	21
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Matt Briggs, Collinsville	18
Nick Bohnestiehl, O'Fallon	18

Justin McBride, Troy	18	Dustin Ziebold, Waterloo	6
Trevor Yates, Troy	18	Aaron Krammel, Duplo	6
Jake Frederick, Belleville	17		
David Knudstad, O'Fallon	17		
Derek Stratman, O'Fallon	17		
Jared Hayes, Troy	17		
		Slugging Percentage	
		TS	Pct.
		S. Haake, Waterloo	52 1,000
		Schinner, Troy	36 750
		Austraskas, Collinsville	36 750
		D. Brinkley, Fairview	26 500
		M. Brown, Fairview	23 458
		J. McBride, Troy	46 .963
Player	Stolen Bases	SB	
Trevor Yates, Troy	12		
Kyle Wiesemeyer, Troy	8		
Jason Rohlfing, Waterloo	7		
Chris Schwarz, Highland	7		
Todd Baebler, Troy	6		
Jason Bailettors, Bethalto	6		
Brian Glambron, S. Roxana	6		
Steve Hauke, Fairview	6		
Timothy Fortale, Waterloo	6		
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		Player	W-L
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Seaman blended scoring touch, dedication

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I'm scoring goals or preventing other people from scoring, I just like to play."

Seaman, along with co-Player of the Year Abbie Perez, was one of several standouts for the Lancers, who had a 21-3 record — the best in school history — and reached the super-sectional before losing 5-0 to Quincy.

"It was definitely a shame the way it ended, but to get that far was a big step for us," Seaman said. "We also beat Collinsville and Granite City for the first time. I don't think the last game of

our season showed how great our team was.

"I expected us to do well this year. I knew teams like Granite City, Collinsville and O'Fallon had lost some good seniors while we retained some really good people. We mixed in some younger players, but every one of our starters had played the year before. It was nice to have 11 people out there who knew exactly what (Lasley) wanted of us.

"We all got along this year and there weren't a lot of character conflicts. We were more of a team than previous years." While opponents did their best to contain Seaman, it

helped that she didn't have to carry the load alone.

"I tried to put as many talented people around her as I could," Lasley said. "Abbie was much better this year and Meghan Traggesser and Jill Hawanchak all stepped up and did a great job."

"I'm definitely better on defense than I am on offense. But whether I'm scoring goals or preventing other people from scoring, I just like to play."

Christen Seaman
Belleville East soccer player

"In key situations, Coach would turn to me, Abbie and Meghan and say 'We need a goal,'" Seaman said. "We just got a feel for each other. I knew where Abbie was going to run and Abbie knew where I was going to run. There wasn't any guessing.

"There was a lot of trust in that, but Abbie and I have played four years together." Seaman started playing soccer at age 5 and was 10 when she began playing for

select teams.

"I played for Collinsville United for a couple years, then moved over to St. Louis (to play for J.B. Marine)." Seaman said. "There's a better concentration of great players over there. When you play with people of your own caliber, you raise your

(level of) play even more."

Seaman will report to West Virginia on Aug. 9, but she's already following a team-prescribed workout regimen, which includes running two miles a day.

"For my freshman year, I just want to get as much playing time as I can and work as hard as I can," Seaman said. "I know I'm good enough to play at the (NCAA) Division I level, but getting the chance to do it is a dream come true."

Perez sparked East

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expectations.

"Everybody got a lot better and we had good chemistry as a team," Perez said.

The chemistry between Perez, Seaman (41 goals, 17 assists) and sophomore Meghan Traggesser (22 goals, 25 assists) was especially strong.

"We all play a lot of soccer in the offseason and the all the coaches we play for seem to have the same (philosophy)," said Perez, who played the past two seasons for the Lady Knights select team. "They expect us to play a certain way and to use the passing game."

"I played with a lot more intensity this year. Part of that is just being a senior."

As a junior, Perez ran on East's track team in the spring while also playing soccer. She competed in the 3,200-meter run and occasionally ran the 1,600. She also ran cross country in the

fall.

"I didn't want to run in college, so this year I decided I would rather concentrate on soccer (in the spring)," Perez said. "I ran cross country pretty much to stay in shape for soccer."

Among the few disappointments for Perez and her teammates was a 5-0 loss to Quincy in the super-sectional.

"I'm glad we got as far as we did, but I wish the last game was a little closer," Perez said. "We all played really well this year and we had a lot of heart."

Perez will continue her soccer career as a recruited non-scholarship player at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

"I made a big decision to go there before soccer season," said Perez, who also considered Middle Tennessee State, Northern Illinois and St. Joseph's College in Indiana. "I liked the location (of the campus) and I like North Carolina."

Post 113 wins again

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won six games in a row, with the exception of the Troy game, we really haven't played that great. Not as well as we can, anyway. (Saturday) night we struggled with Columbia, ended up getting eight, beating them by a run. Earlier today, we didn't play that well against Cahokia and ended up winning by a run.

"So it was definitely nice to come out and compete and win a game big again, a good team. That's probably one of the best three or four teams in the league. They are definitely a good team. (McMorris) had good stuff, but we kind of got

to him and he started to get tired and we jumped all over him. I'm happy for those guys. I don't care what anybody says, I know that these guys can play and they know that they can play. I think that they are proving that right now."

Tri City raised its overall record to 10-10. Post 113 had a game at Highland Tuesday and will travel to East St. Louis to close out the regular season tonight.

"I think there are good teams in this league, but I don't think there is really a dominant team," Lignoul said. "I think we have played everybody tough. I think once we get into the doubles, anything can happen."

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Sports

All-Journal Class AA soccer

Renee Davinroy, Belleville West: The senior was a four-year starter for the Maroons. She played starter for the team this fall and will lead the team in scoring.

"Naturally she comes from a family that plays and that helps," Maroons coach Bill Houck said. "Individually she has the skills. She has a strong shot. She can mark up. She can do everything very well. She can handle herself in all facets."

"She solidified our defense. Dead ball situations are her bread-and-butter. She can put the ball on goal from 30 yards out. She can do anything she wants with the ball."

Erin Flude, Triad: The junior forward was second on the Lady Knights squad with 14 goals, including one gamewinner, and 10 assists. "She has great one-on-one ability and excellent speed," Triad coach Mike Villa said. "She is probably our fastest player."

"She is coming back next year and I expect big things from her."

Erin Gusewelle, Edwardsville: The junior midfielder was second on the team in goals scored and first in assists.

"She was extremely creative and one of the better midfielders in the area and maybe the best in creativity," Edwardsville coach Mark Schwarzkopf said. "She can find the entry pass in the final third and I think that separates her from other midfielders. She can score, also."

Amanda Kirksey, Collinsville: The junior forward had a hand in several scoring plays for the Kahoks.

"She was definitely our playmaker," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace said. "She really helps the players around her. She can read the game. She's a midfielder, but I put her up top because she can hold onto the ball so well. She won the 110 percent award this year. In hockey, they give three assists. If we did she would have had 85-90 percent of ours. She was there every single game giving 110 percent. I'm looking forward to seeing her again next year."

Cara LeMaster, Collinsville: The senior, who signed to play college soccer for Eastern Illinois University, led the Kahoks in scoring. "She got our offensive MVP award and it was rightly deserved," Wallace said. "She was our No. 1 goal scorer. With her skills and quickness, she could beat any defender. She was a very hard worker. She was a good kid with a good head on her shoulders."

"She's one of the kids I bet the other teams in the area are glad she is gone."

Melissa Montgomery, Granite City: The senior captain made the all-Southwestern Conference first team and led off to join her sister Michelle on the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville women's soccer squad.

"She is in the National Honor Society. She is a very good student," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "She also has a very positive, upbeat personality and a

good sense of humor. That was such a good part of our team. Inherently, she knows when to laugh and when to work. Those things come naturally to her. She has been a lot of fun to coach and the other players — including the other teams — really respected her."

Amie Rangel, Triad: The senior center-midfielder record four gamewinning goals this season for the Lady Knights. She notched 14 goals overall and had 12 assists.

"She was very good with the ball," Villa said. "She was kind of our leader at midfield — kind of directed the play for us. She could go forward and score as well as make the good pass."

Meghan Traggesser, Belleville East: The sophomore will spend the summer recovering from torn knee ligaments suffered in East's final game, a 5-0 loss to Quincy in the IHSA super-sectional. But that didn't spoil a superb season in which Traggesser had 22 goals and 25 assists.

"She was probably the best sophomore in the area," said East coach Mark Lasley. "She's got a lot of strength and she's tall and strong. She's really good with the ball at her feet and she's good with the ball in the air. She's definitely going to be one of our leaders next year."

Jesse Vasiloff, Granite City: The sophomore made the all-Southwestern Conference first team and was a catalyst on defense for the War-

riors. "It says something about the future of the program. In that we have another sophomore making first-team all-conference," Baker said. "Our backfield is going to be super stable next year. Jess has good size, and her read on the game is so good. She is a pleasure to be around within the framework of the team because she is such a ladylike, unassuming, yet very competitive athlete."

Julia Yant, O'Fallon: The senior captain was a four-year varsity member for the Panthers. The center-midfielder scored 12 goals and added seven assists for the team. "She was a very good two-way player," O'Fallon coach Dave Ames said. "There were times in games for tactical reasons, we would swap with her. She has good eyes and sees the field well."

"There is no telling what our record would have been had she not been in there."

Niki Delgado, Belleville East: A four-year veteran goalkeeper holds virtually all of East's goalkeeping records, including career saves (672) and career shutouts (21). This year, she had 274 saves and 11 shutouts, both school records, to lead the Panthers to a 21-3 record and a berth in the super-sectional.

"She really talked well and communicates with her backfield," Lasley said. "It's surprising how quick and agile she is. She cuts down angles well."

"She really picked up her work rate this year and got even better over the summer."

Delgado will play next season at Webster University in St. Louis.

Inaugural event

draws 24 teams

Summer tournament features representatives from six states

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

Prep basketball fans won't have to wait until winter to see some of the area's best teams in action.

Nine squads from the Metro East and five from St. Louis are among 24 teams entered in the inaugural Gateway Classic Basketball Jamboree '99, set for Saturday and Sunday at Belleville Area College and the Family Sportsplex in Belleville.

The tournament — which features 10 teams from Illinois, six from Missouri, five from Kentucky and one each from Iowa, Michigan and Florida — is the brainchild of BAC men's assistant basketball coach Steve Campo and Gibault High School coach Dennis Rueter, who is a co-owner of the Family Sportsplex.

"We've been working on this since February, when we started looking for teams," Campo said. "Dennis has taken care of a lot of the organization of the tournament and he's been working with sponsors and helping out with the local teams."

"One of the biggest things we looked for in setting this up

was finding eight to 10 local teams who could compete with the best teams from throughout the Midwest."

The first day of the tournament will feature pool play, with six pools of four teams each. The teams are:

- Pool 1: Detroit Country Day (of Beverly Hills, Mich.), Normandy (Mo.), O'Fallon and Belleville East.

- Pool 2: Lexington (Ky.) Catholic, Hazelwood (Mo.) Central, Mascoutah and Freeburg.

- Pool 3: Davenport (Iowa) Central, Hopkinsville (Ky.) University Heights Academy, St. Louis Beaumont, and Belleville West.

- Pool 4: Madisonville (Ky.), North Hopkins, Clayton (Mo.), Alton and Althoff.

- Pool 5: Paducah (Ky.), Tigheham, Kirkwood (Mo.), St. Louis Mater Dei.

- Pool 6: Pensacola (Fla.) Escambia, Lexington (Ky.) Paul Dunbar, Rogersville (Mo.) and Effingham (Ill.) St. Anthony.

If Lexington Catholic — which is tentatively scheduled to play — drops out, it will be replaced by Webster Groves, Mo., and case Escambia would move to Pool 2, with Webster Groves playing in Pool 6.

Games start Saturday at 11 a.m., with the last games at 6 p.m. Sunday's games start at 9 a.m., with the last games at 5 p.m.

Admission to the Gateway Classic is \$5 per day for adults, \$3 for children over 12 and \$2 for children under 12. Tickets are good for both locations.

For more information, call the BAC athletic department at 235-2700, extension 5271 or 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 5271.

Siam time

Also, this weekend, the winter girls basketball season will be previewed at the Lady Siam IV, which features 16 teams from southwestern Illinois.

The event will be Saturday and Sunday at the Family Sportsplex in Belleville. The tournament was organized by Belleville West girls coach Larry Betz and Althoff girls coach Don Haida.

First-round action starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with four games: Gibault vs. Collinsville, Brees Central vs. Belleville East, Carlyle vs. Mascoutah and Belleville West vs. Freeburg. Games starting at 11 a.m. are Carrollton vs. O'Fallon, Centralia vs. Mater Dei, Mount Vernon vs. Gillespie and Taylorville vs. Althoff.

Each team plays two games on Saturday, with the last games starting at 1 p.m. Action resumes at 11 a.m. Sunday, with the championship game set for 3 p.m.

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Grace Baptist beginning ministry

Broken Promise is a Grace Baptist Church of Granite City recovery ministry of Christ's love to children who are living in a single-parent home. It is a place where children can get help, to freely discuss their emotions and needs with understanding adults.

All of the leaders have received extensive training, not as psychologists, but as understanding, compassionate friends. Together, the kids, with their leaders, will walk through the emotions of denial, guilt and anger so they may learn to deal with the separation and loss. They will realize that through Christ, God will give them the understanding they need to rebuild their world.

The program is designed for children pre-school age (age 4)

through high school. Free child care is available for children under 4 years.

Parenting is an awesome task for two parents, and when one is faced with the task of parenting alone, you can feel overwhelmed, discouraged and afraid. Many times, this fear stems from the unknown.

New Beginnings was developed for that kind of single parent. Together with the New Beginnings leaders, parents will explore the unknown and become familiar with their role as a single parent.

New Beginnings runs concurrently with Broken Promise and is for men and women whose children are attending Broken Promise or those non-custodial parents whose circumstances will not

permit their children to attend. During the 14-week session, the leader of New Beginnings will walk parents through the grief process in children, helping them understand what their children are experiencing as well as introducing them to methods that may help. Parents will be guided through the rebuilding process and will be encouraged to develop trust and communication with their children.

Other topics discussed include shared parenting, dealing with anger and guilt, forgiveness and dating and intimacy. In addition, New Beginnings will provide an opportunity to develop a support network with other single parents.

Broken Promise and New Beginnings are sponsored by

through Grace Baptist Church, located at 2600 Edwards St. in Granite City. The sessions will be held on from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesdays for 14 weeks beginning Sept. 8.

The fee for a single parent and any number of children is \$10. Payment is due at the first meeting. Enrollment is limited. Those not enrolled in one session will be placed on a waiting list with first priority for the next session. To enroll, contact Grace Baptist at 877-9672.

"Jesus Christ is the focus of New Beginnings," stated Grace Baptist pastor Rev. John Gambill, "and together with him, we hope to give single parents the support and encouragement they need to rebuild their family within a Christian framework."

Church Women United holds meeting

Burdine Holtzschler prepared a devotion from the booklet *Guidedposts* for the Church Women United monthly meeting, held June 24 at Nameoki United Methodist Church.

President Millie Clements announced that Mae Lee and Ollie Derr provided the refreshments. She also introduced a guest, Billie Houba.

The following announcements were made: An accompanist is needed for the CWU choir; tutors are needed in the fall at all local schools; we will continue the boycott of Mt. Olive pickles; the CWU breakfast planned for July 31 at Brenda's Restaurant has been cancelled; and a new chairperson is needed for the annual fund-raiser.

"Music, Music."

The back-to-school program sponsored by Community Care will be held on Aug. 14, 15 and 17; a roadblock to seek donations will be held on Aug. 7; and a talent show, also sponsored by Community Care, will be held at Granite City High School on Aug. 20.

Community Care recently bought the Patis Restaurant and is now serving breakfast and lunch.

A new name for the local unit of Church Women United was chosen. It will be called the Quad-City Unit Southwest.

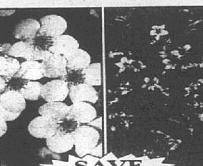
The area institute will be held Sept. 29 at St. John United Church of Christ in Collinsville. The regional event will be held Oct. 29 to 31 at Grand Rapids, Mich.

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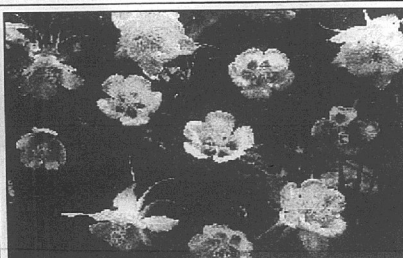
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Wednesday, July 14

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: In the year ahead there's a good chance you could get opportunities to associate with some pretty influential people, but don't forsake old acquaintances for them. You'll need your old pals as well down the line.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) To be on the safe side today, better strap on a life jacket. Should you get in hot water, pals won't be around to bail you out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you succumb to comparing your status with that of others in better positions, that little green-eyed monster could rear its ugly head. Brush him off the moment he appears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your haste to get things done today, you could become impulsive or impatient when on the job. When that happens, mistakes are inevitable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Persons who have more money than you could influence you toward being extravagant if you allow them. Although they may be indifferent to your needs, you should not be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's always good to weigh and balance your actions before proceeding, but not to the point to where it leads to indecisiveness, especially in career matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't let it upset you today if you cannot do

all that you would like to in helping others. Accomplish what you can, and call it a day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although you normally can tolerate or at least cope with a demanding friend, you might reach the breaking point today if his or her ultimatums get out of hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's important to do your best at all times, especially when in competitive situations. If you become too complacent today, you'll allow the opposition to sail right past you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Being argumentative usually ends up in futile debates, but today this behavior could yield you

more hostility or animosity than you bargain for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) When it comes to getting involved in any joint effort today, don't allow your head to get lost in the clouds. Keep your wits about you or you could end up giving more than you get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should your judgment be erroneous today, you might have to go back and unwind a bad situation. Be prepared to have in your feet what you don't have in your head.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No matter how pretty the day, forego playing hooky on duties or responsibilities. Get on them before the guy or gal who signs your paycheck gets on you.

Call For Help Inc. sponsors fundraiser

Call For Help Inc. is sponsoring its second annual "Kiss-The-Pig" fundraising contest on July 28 at the St. Clair County Fairgrounds.

A non-profit social service agency celebrating its 30th anniversary next year, Call For Help Inc. operates a food and clothing pantry and three shelters (one for youths, one for adults, and the newest 1/2 a transitional women's shelter). The organization also offers crisis counseling, particularly for sexual assault victims and those considering suicide. To volunteer, or if you need help, call the agency's 24-hour hotline at 397-0963.

Last year's fundraiser

resulted in a three-way tie. When the winners kissed the pigs, their squeals were heard across the fairgrounds, said "Kiss-The-Pig" Committee Person Marie Pyle. Two freshly scrubbed little pigs will be provided by a Call For Help Inc. staff member who lives on a pig farm, Pyle explained.

Norm Greenberg of Take 5 is helping to promote the fundraiser and will serve as emcee.

You may cast as many votes as you like by mailing \$1 for each vote, along with the candidate's name, to Call For Help, Inc., 9400 Lebanon Road, Edgemont, IL 62203.

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Wednesday, July 14. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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Tarzan (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
The General's Daughter (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Wild Wild West (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Big Daddy (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:30

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The Mummy (PG-13) 6:45
Notting Hill (PG-13) 7:15
Entrapment (PG-13) 7:00

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill.,
233-0123

10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 7:05
Shakespeare in Love (R) 9:10
Entrapment (PG-13) 7:15, 9:35
Black Mask (R) 7:00, 8:55

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30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630

The General's Daughter (R) 7:00, 9:40
Big Daddy (PG-13) 7:15, 9:30

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J'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900

Tarzan (G) 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
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American Pie (R) 11:30, 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
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Instinct (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Summer Of Sam (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30
Muppets From Space (G) 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:00
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Austin Powers 2 (PG-13)

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Young at Heart hold pot luck dinner

The Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held a pot luck dinner and monthly meeting May 17 in the church community center.

President Cleo Siebert welcomed members and led them in prayer. Seventy-six members and guests enjoyed ham and various delicious casseroles, gelatins and desserts.

The following guests were present at the pot luck: Sister

Jean Patrick, Sister Dolorita, Sister Mary Stanley and Sister Donna Marie.

After the dinner, President Siebert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kitty Reither, Core Renewal Committee member, talked about the Year 2000 renewal. She encouraged members to form individual prayer groups and to renew their faith as we enter the year 2000.

The meeting was then conducted, with Cleo Schnefke,

recording secretary, reading the minutes of the April meeting, followed by the treasurer's report, given by Goldie Rozycki.

Pauline Hanson, corresponding secretary, received thank you cards from: PAC-VAN and Catholic Charities for the baby shower items they received. Josephine Uram thanked the Young at Heart for furnishing box lunches for those participating in the bus trip to Springfield.

Birthdays celebrated in May were Marilyn Schooley, Fran Gruber, Clotilde Mosby, John Forrest, Ann Kovach, Cleo Schnefke and Mary Siebert.

President Siebert announced Mary Ann Gloescki and Joyce Taff, are asking for volunteers to furnish food for the workers who will be setting up booths for the June Festival, which was held June 18, 19, and 20. Young and Heart members took charge of the Flea Market, Cake & Coffee booth and Party Wagon booth.

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Children's safety should be top summer travel priority

Summer travel with children brings new meaning to the term "road trip."

Amidst the chaos of summer travel, it is important for parents to make safety a priority.

"Parents may become so overwhelmed with planning their trip and preparing for vacation that they overlook basic travel safety rules," said Chae Li Yong, health educator at Madison County Health Department. "Parents and caregivers should put safety at the top of their list when preparing for a trip — whether it's two minutes down the road or 2,000 miles across the country."

Madison County Safe Kids has compiled the following information to help keep children safe while traveling:

SAFETY IN THE CAR: Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among ages 14 and under. In 1996, nearly 1,800 children ages 14 and under died, and in 1997, an estimated 305,000 were injured as occupants in motor vehicles.

The correct use of child safety seats is extremely effective, reducing the risk of death by 71 percent for children under age 1 and 54 percent for children ages 1 to

4. Never allow a child to ride unrestrained in your car. In the event of a crash, the child could be seriously injured or killed.

Properly restrain children ages 12 and under in the back seat. Obtain and correctly install a child safety seat in your motor vehicle.

Use a safe seat. Make sure it has not been recalled. To find out if a seat has been recalled, contact the seat manufacturer or the Auto Safety hotline toll-free at (888) 327-4236.

Never use a child safety seat that has been involved in a crash. Even if it looks intact, it may be structurally damaged. Also, be sure to check the manufacture date for the child safety seat. Seats manufactured before Jan. 1, 1981, were not required to pass a dynamic crash test and may not protect a child.

Secure your child correctly in the appropriate child safety seat or safety belt every time he or she rides in the vehicle. Infant-only seats and convertible seats should be used in a rear-facing position for infants until they are at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds.

The convertible seat should be turned to a forward-facing position for children over 1

year old and 20 pounds to 40 pounds (approximately 4 years old). Children need to be in booster seats when they weigh between approximately 40 and 80 pounds and are about 4 to 8 years old. A booster seat protects a child from serious spinal cord and internal injuries caused by an incorrect safety belt fit.

Children who have outgrown booster seats should use a lap-and-shoulder belt. Ensure that the lap belt fits across the child's hips and does not ride up across the stomach. The child's back should be against the seat back and knees should bend comfortably over the edge of the seat. The shoulder belt should fit across the chest without touching the face or neck.

Make sure that the child safety seat is compatible with the automobile(s) in which it is used. Study the child safety seat and automobile owner's manuals for proper installation and ensure the child safety seat fits snugly in the car.

When purchasing the child safety seat, ask the store manager if you can try out different models before making a purchase. If purchasing a new vehicle, make sure you test your child's car seat in the rear seating positions before buying.

University of Illinois announces 1999 spring semester dean's lists

Dean's lists for the 1999 spring semester have been announced by the 11 colleges and one other academic unit at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Area students among the 5,208 include:

EDWARDSVILLE: Ashley Carter, Sarah Coffman, Amy Drew, Stacy Fenoglio, Arthur Garrett, Barbara Hamer, Joseph Hines, Jesse Lucco, Nicole Nungesser, Mario Peraza, Elizabeth Townsend, Erin Wolf.

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Road Report

Here is this week's summary of St. Louis area road construction projects and what roads are being affected by construction.

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I-64 at the split at I-55/70 to I-255 in East St. Louis — IDOT is working on a 3-mile stretch of I-64 in East St. Louis. The resurfacing and bridge rehab work is taking place on I-64 from the split at I-55/70 in East St. Louis to I-255. Motorists can expect lane closures in this area during late evening hours only.

I-44 from Allenton Road (STL Co.) to the Crawford Co. Line (Franklin Co.) — Work is under way east and west of St. Clair to install guardrail and guardcable. Lane closures may occur on I-44 during the day in this area.

I-170 and Old Bonhomme Road — Old Bonhomme Road over I-170 will be closed from Le Pere Avenue to Old Towne Lane in Olivette. Crews will first demolish the aging structure and then rebuild the overpass. Motorists on both the east and west side of I-170 may use either Delmar Boulevard or Olive Boulevard to cross the innerbelt. The newly rebuilt overpass is rescheduled to reopen by June.

I-270 at Bellefontaine Road to Chain of Rocks — Motorists now have two lanes in each direction on Bellefontaine Road. The center-turn lane is closed.

Route 40/61 at the Boone's Crossing Overpass (Chesterfield) — Work on the Boone's Crossing overpass may cause lane closures on both east and westbound Route 40 during non-rush hours.

Interstate 64 from Speede Road to Kingshighway Boulevard — Crews have begun resurfacing both eastbound and westbound I-64.

non-rush hours.
I-44 north outer road (Fifth St. and Fox Creek Rd.) at Allenton Road (Eureka) — The relocation of Fifth St. and Fox Creek Rd. and the widening of Allenton Road is under way. Motorists can expect lane closures in this area during late evening hours only.

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Interstate 64 from Speede Road to Kingshighway Boulevard — Crews have begun resurfacing both eastbound and westbound I-64.

Motorists can expect lane closures in both directions nightly between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work will continue through October.

Route 100 (Manchester) from I-270 to Barrett Station Road — Lane closures on Des Peres Road will occur from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Possible lane closures may also occur during non-rush hour periods on northbound and southbound I-270 between the Clayton Road overpass and Route 100.

Route 141 at Manchester Road — A lane split is in place between Burgundy and Manchester Road and will be in place for several months. Lane closures may occur on Manchester and on Rte. 141 during non-rush hours.

Route 231 (Telegraph Road) from Meramec River to Point Elementary School — Motorists should watch for trucks entering and exiting the highway north of the new lanes. The north side of Tollgate Road is closed. Motorists can still travel in both directions through the intersection. Construction is underway north of Pine Road to Point Elementary School. The lane width has been narrowed due to the construction. Traffic has been moved to a bypass, between Point to 1/4-mile south of Becker road in order to facilitate construction.

Route 340 (Olive Boulevard) from Laclede Road to River Valley Drive — Possible lane closures may occur from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for tree clearing operations and sign installation.

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Eagles Auxiliary members attend district meeting

Six members of Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 attended the District 7 meeting, hosted by Collinsville Auxiliary 1061, on May 16.

Debbie Kosti, Collinsville president, opened the meeting and Vivian Tosi, conductor, escorted all state officers, chairs and the district director into the meeting hall and each was presented with a gift from the auxiliary.

The gavel was turned over to Doris Wallace, district director to conduct the district meeting. District officers held a brief meeting prior to the regular meeting.

A roll call of officers was taken. Martha Howlett, Elaine Jagla, and Marilyn Oyen were attending a District 1 meeting in northern Illinois.

The district ritual team initiated one new member, Johna Patterson of Granite City, into the auxiliary; her sponsor was Jeannie Burton. Fat Fitchett, Kathy Dulica, Barbara Modrusie, Joan Acord and Vivian Tosi comprised the ritual team in the absence of the other officers.

Thirty-five members were in attendance for the meeting and luncheon that followed.

Dulica welcomed the new member and wished the District 7 ritual team good luck on their upcoming competition at state convention. Mary Stognar, the District "Mother," spoke on harmony among all people and

the need to build quality membership.

Joan Acord, co-membership chair, thanked all members for signing new members and announced Theresa McWhinney, state president, had made her quarterly report.

Members for the year and will be awarded the Bell Ringer Award for instituting one new auxiliary this year. Joanna Spencer spoke on No Goose Egg Auxiliaries and that we need to work the balance of the year to make sure that we sign or re-enroll members before the deadline. Spencer also announced that a new auxiliary was instituted May 22. It is Shoal Creek Auxiliary 4421. The new aerie and auxiliary will be in Hillsboro and they will become a member of Illinois District 7. That will bring the total auxiliaries in the district to seven.

A nomination for vice chairperson for the District 7 upcoming year was made to elect Janet Fowler of Wood River Auxiliary 2773. The Collinsville auxiliary honored all seated past presidents in attendance with a gift. They were Gwin Cooley, Doris Wallace, Kathy Dulica, Nancy Kosti, and Joanna Spencer. Prizes were won by Emilie DeWet, Janis Fowler and Nancy Kosti. Pam Pace's name was drawn for the time drawing, and she was not in attendance.

Program helps shed pounds

By Curtiss Hartley
Staff writer

There's nothing that motivates like success. Just ask Bernie Stoddard of Edwardsville.

Since last September, the 47-year-old woman has lost 102 1/2 pounds on the Weight Watchers program. She's only got seven more pounds to go to reach her goal weight, a figure she wants to keep to herself.

"I know by September I'll have it all off," she said. "I'm kind of a Weight Watchers cheerleader already. Anyone asks me and I can tell them the whole thing."

"It works, and it's so healthy," she said.

Stoddard said she tried the popular weight loss program three or four times before, but never hit her goal weight.

Then last year she watched a relative die of cancer, and decided it was time to get serious about her health.

"I knew there was nothing I could do about that, but I decided there was something I could do about this," she said. "I decided I felt too old to be this young."

Stoddard wanted to feel better, and she wanted to get off medications for high blood pressure and high cholesterol. She has been off both medications for quite some time, she said.

"The older we get, the more we realize what's important to us," she said. The first time, after I had taken off about 50 pounds, I started to gain it back.

She said she gained more than 40 pounds, and her knees started hurting, among other things.

"I felt awful," she said. Stoddard attributes her success this time to that new motivation, and a new attitude toward the weight-loss program.

"Before, I never stayed for the meetings," she said. "I think that's important." Stoddard said at the weekly meeting each member is weighed, and then they listen to a motivational talk by the instructor. Then the members share helpful suggestions and recipes with each other.

"It's a support group, like Alcoholics Anonymous, the way I figure," she said. Physical activity is another important component to successful weight loss.

Stoddard said. "I discovered you have to exercise," she said. "I walk four miles a day."

Stoddard said she started walking 20 minutes a day four days a week. She increased her distance as she noticed her endurance improving.

The fitter you become, the more energy you have. It's amazing how much better you feel," she said. "I don't care what any of those ads say, there's no easy way to lose weight."

Once Stoddard reaches her goal weight, she will maintain that for six weeks, and then become a lifetime member, she said. That means she can attend for free, as long as she maintains her goal weight.

"You learn how to add food to maintain your weight without gaining," she said. Stoddard said it's a careful balance, so you don't continue losing weight either.

She said she looks forward to the continuing support and the chance to be a mentor to new members of the group.

"When I started, I didn't start off to lose over 100 pounds. I started with 10. If it's too daunting a task, you can't stick with it," she said.

"You just learn to make changes in your life, permanent changes," she said. "The nice thing with Weight Watchers is if you do another program with packaged foods, you don't have anything you like."

"With this, if I want to have a Margarita, I can have one, and just make it up later. It makes you more of a human being. You've got to be able to do what everyone else does."

Now, she said, with the support of the program, she can enjoy going out to eat with a group of friends, because she has learned how to modify her habits.

Stoddard said her motivation to share her success story is that she wants others to know how important it is to live a healthy lifestyle.

"What's really scary is I see these little kids 40 or 50 pounds overweight. What are they gonna be like when they're my age? They're gonna be dead," she said.

For her part, Stoddard sums up her success in a simple statement: "I feel 10 years younger."

Peachtree borer common pest

The peachtree borer is a common and often destructive pest found where such stone fruits as peaches, nectarines, plums, cherries and apricots are found.

Tony Bratsch, horticulture educator with University of Illinois Extension, says that there are actually two species of peachtree borers, one known as the lesser peachtree borer and the other known simply as the peachtree borer. Both species have distinctly different life cycles and require a different approach for control.

Damage by the lesser peachtree borer is caused by tunneling larvae feeding in the main limbs and upper trunk.

"The peachtree borer will target egg laying at the base of the tree with entry and exit wounds located at the soil line or just below ground," explains Bratsch. It prefers younger trees.

With both species, injury symptoms include qualities of gum or sap exudate arising from bark wounds.

Both pests overwinter inside the wood as larvae or pupae, and emerge as adults in the spring and summer to mate and repeat the cycle.

The lesser peachtree borer adults begin to emerge in mid- to late May, with several generations occurring through the season, making season-long control necessary.

The peachtree borer only has one generation and will begin emergence in early July. Depending on overwinter development, initial emergence of adult moths can be somewhat variable. Following emergence, mating, egg laying and new larval infestation can occur within two weeks.

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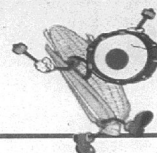
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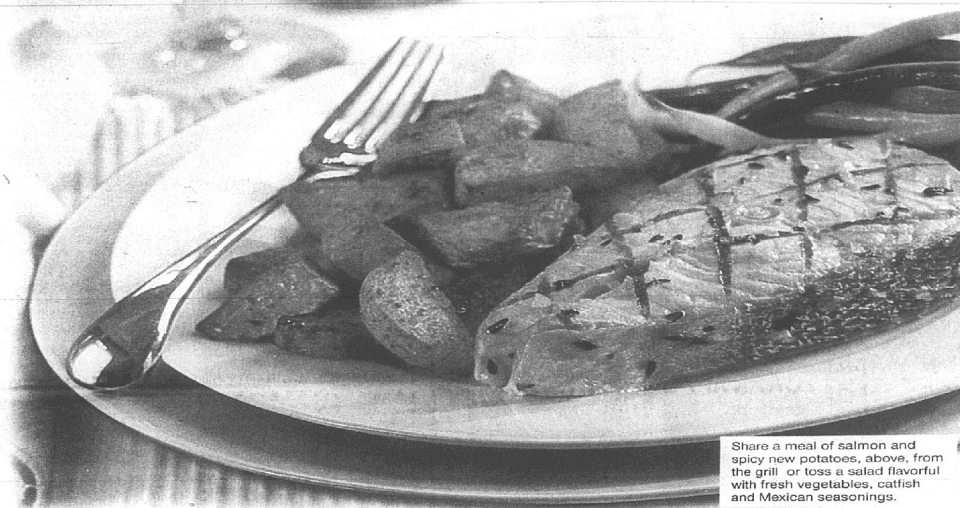
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Wise Ways
Corn holds kernel
of sweetness

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flashy FISH



Share a meal of salmon and spicy new potatoes, above, from the grill or toss a salad flavorful with fresh vegetables, catfish and Mexican seasonings.

Quick cooking catches line for day in the shade

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Hot dogs and grilled steaks grab the headlines, but fish should get five-star credit for summer meals that are quick, easy and full of flavor, too.

In fact, overcooking fish makes it tough, so actual cooking time should be figured minimally. Simplicity is key to preparing summer food, as well as the meal around it. In case it should rain, the time spent under an umbrella is short as well as cooking can

move indoors to a broiler.

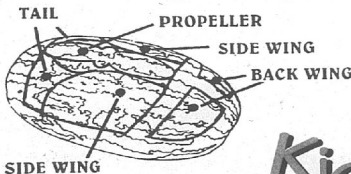
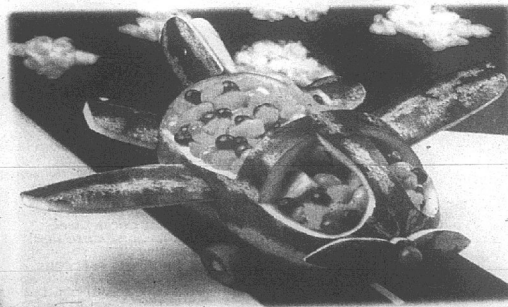
Fish usually cooks best over a medium-hot fire. Brushing the surface of lean fish, such as halibut or cod, with a drizzle of olive oil or butter helps keep the fish moist over a fire's heat.

Thin pieces of seafood, like economical catfish 1/2-inch thick, probably does not need to be flipped over to cook thoroughly. A wire basket or mesh rack helps keep small pieces from flaking away into the fire.

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Artie the Airplane



Artie the Airplane loves to fly with his friends. He needs help from an adult to become an airplane, but he is loaded easily with melon, grapes and other bite-size pieces of fruit for cargo. He should be made with a symmetrical watermelon. If necessary, cut a thin slice from the bottom so he sits level.

1. Using a sharp, pointed utensil, draw outlines as shown.
2. For easier cutting, cut out the tail, propeller and side wings as a single piece first, then cut out individual sections. Cut out back wings from melon.
3. Scoop out flesh, leaving trace of red. Drain watermelon.
4. Trim wings and tail to fit shape of watermelon. Use shortened wooden skewers to attach them.
5. Attach propeller with shortened skewer; place grape on end. Skewer halved kiwifruit on edge for wheels.
6. Load Artie with cut-up watermelon, peaches, berries, grapes and other melon. Serve from runway.

Kids' Cuisine

Food & Nutrition

Heart-y Bites

Angling for good health? Go fishin'.

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Blue Ribbon Cook

Oriental flavor makes shrimp dip a winner.

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Test Run

Ice cream from freezer sets up taste test for sauce toppings that form shell.

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Micro Raves

Many tastes favor hot dogs that are dressed up.

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Lively Taste

Based on supermarket sales, America's favorite ice cream flavor is vanilla (29 percent). The next four choices, in order, are nut (11 percent), chocolate (10 percent), fruit (5 percent), Neapolitan (3 percent) and candy mix-in (5 percent). Last year's fastest-growing flavors were caramel, liqueur-flavored, peach and coffee/mocha. At almost 3 gallons per person annually, St. Louis ranks second among cities in supermarket sales. Illinois is the third-highest state among producers of ice cream and frozen desserts. Salute National Ice Cream Day, July 18, with a build-your-own sundae party. Offer toppings of sliced fresh fruit and berries, hot fudge and caramel sauces, crushed cookies and candy (chocolate melts; switch to red hots and mints), toasted nuts, mugs of root beer and orange soda, dry mix for flavored mocha and canned fruit pie filling. Stock cones for the non-adventurous.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Europe bans four antibiotics in animal feed.

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Fresh Picks

Cucumbers and tomatoes are garden picks for a salad combo. Peel and chop 2 medium (1 pound total) cucumbers, chop 8 ounces fresh tomatoes and mince 4 green onions. Toss together the vegetables. Combine 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt or fat-free sour cream, 2 cloves garlic, 1/2 cup fresh mint, finely chopped, and 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley; pepper to taste. Place vegetable mixture on red or green leaf lettuce (1 head or 8 ounces) and pour dressing on top. Gently stir together. Serve within 1 hour for 6 servings.

Big Fat Tip

Spinach dip can be a fitful appetizer served in a hollowed-out loaf of bread with bread cubes. Cook 1 carton (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, drain well and chill in bowl, combine 3 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese, 3 tablespoons light or fat-free ranch salad dressing, 1/2 cup light sour cream or plain yogurt, 1/2 teaspoon basil and 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder. Mix well with spinach. Serve chilled.

Future Shop

A few marketing tips are in order this time of year for lemonade stands. Instead of selling a glass for 50 cents, pull out the Magic Marker and write \$2 for \$1, because people likely will buy in multiples and consider buying in quantity a bargain. Set up more than one stand in the same block, so the option becomes which one to patronize, rather than choosing whether to buy lemonade now or go thirsty another mile. Set a high limit on the sign. A purchase limit of 12, rather than four, has produced higher sales (in canned soup anyway). Another lure for multiple purchases is making the product easier to carry, which may require delivery within the block.

Today's Food

Topping magically covers ice cream with crackly shell

As if a choice of hot or cold fudge sauce weren't a hard enough decision to make in the face of topping ice cream, now there is a question of which flavored

TEST RUN

hard shell to use as a coverup. "This looks like something out of physics class, but it probably tastes a lot better," a tester said. The toppings tested, four of the flavors called "shells" from Hershey's

and Smucker's, must be kept at room temperature so they stay fluid. They become firm at a cool temperature, which means they form a shell over ice cream.

Reactions to the toppings — Reese's chocolate

and peanut butter, plus Smucker's cookie dough crunch, chocolate fudge and peanut butter — were enthusiastic.

"Good, better, best and scrumptious! Is that enough?" a taster asked, who then attributed one

adjective to individual products.

"They were each very good. Both chocolate flavors made the best shell, but every one is worth its price for those who indulge in that good stuff," she added.

The two chocolate flavors, one with and the other without peanut butter, reacted the fastest to the cold temperature of the ice cream.

Smucker's fudge flavor was called "rich" by a tester. A majority of responses to the Reese's product decided it resembled the well-known flavors of chocolate with peanut butter, but there were variations.

One taster thought the aroma of Reese's enhanced expectations for the product. While one said it "tasted just like its namesake," another called the flavor "faint."

The chocolate fudge drew applause.

"I loved the chocolate, fudgy flavor and hard shell it formed. I will definitely go look for it for late night snacks," a fan said.

Smucker's cookie dough crunch flavor comes in chocolate, as well as without it, which was the one tested. It has small pieces of cookie in it, so the directions to shake the product very well before using it are well advised. One taster chose it over the chocolate varieties tested.

"Although it took the longest to form a shell, the cookie dough flavor was by far the best," he said.

Another taster liked the "puddle" around the edge of the ice cream better than what was on it.

"Without chocolate in it, I think the flavor carries better on the side than on the ice cream," she said.

After testing it, a couple testers preferred "cookie dough" as they know it, a flavor in ice cream.

Smucker's peanut butter shell topping received the least response.

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TOMATO-BASIL SOUP

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- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- Pinch ground red pepper
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh or 1 tsp. dried basil
- 2 cups skim or low-fat milk
- Salt, if desired
- Freshly ground pepper
- Fresh basil leaves for garnish

In large pot of boiling water, blanch fresh tomatoes 10 seconds. Drain. Cool slightly. Peel tomatoes, cut in half, remove seeds and chop.

In medium saucepan over medium heat, cook onion in hot olive oil, stirring often, about 4 minutes until golden brown. Add garlic. Cook 1 minute longer. Add chopped tomatoes. Cook over medium heat 20 minutes; if using canned tomatoes, decrease cooking time to 10 minutes.

In food processor or blender, puree three-fourths of mixture until smooth.

Return to saucepan. Add red pepper, basil and milk. Cook until hot, but do not boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately.

Today's Food

Snag seafood on line hooking taste with health

By Susan McKenzie
Correspondent

The only thing better than relaxing under a shade tree by a quiet stream is pulling a wriggling fish out of the water to take home for dinner.

HEARTY BITES

People from cultures as diverse as Eskimos, native Hawaiians, Japanese and Thais traditionally eat a diet high in fish and see handsome health benefits because of it.

The advice of many years to cut back on fat holds. However, one type of fat — omega-3 fatty acids — is actually good for people. Salmon, orange roughy, halibut, mackerel and herring are among the good sources for this fat. Several decades ago it was noticed that Eskimos had fewer cases of heart disease or strokes, even though they ate a lot of fat. The difference was they

ate lots of fish with these omega-3 fatty acids.

Once Eskimos changed to a more typical American style of diet with less fish, they had more heart disease. Additional benefits of eating omega-3 fatty acids have been discovered since then.

Omega-3 fatty acids work several ways in the body. One way is to make the blood less "sticky." Another benefit is their ability to change different types of fats in the blood.

A high blood triglyceride and low HDL cholesterol can contribute to the risk for heart disease.

High amounts of omega-3 fatty acids can reverse this. Omega-3 fatty acids also may help lower blood pressure.

Susan McKenzie, a dietetic intern with the Veterans Administration Hospital, submits this material on behalf of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

IMITATION CRAB PASTA SALAD

3 cups cooked, cooled, shell macaroni (cooked without salt)

1-1/2 cups surimi (imitation crab) seafood
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 tomato, cubed
1 rib celery, minced
1 red onion, sliced
1/2 cup fat-free thousand island salad dressing
1/2 cup fat-free plain yogurt
1/2 cup low-sodium vegetable juice
1/8 tsp. pepper or to taste
Lettuce leaves

Gently combine macaroni, seafood, eggs, tomato, celery and onion.

Mix together salad dressing, yogurt, juice and pepper. Toss with macaroni mixture. Serve over bed of lettuce. Yields 6 servings; 152 calories, 10 g protein, 2 g fat (0.5 g saturated), 41 mg cholesterol and 439 mg sodium each.

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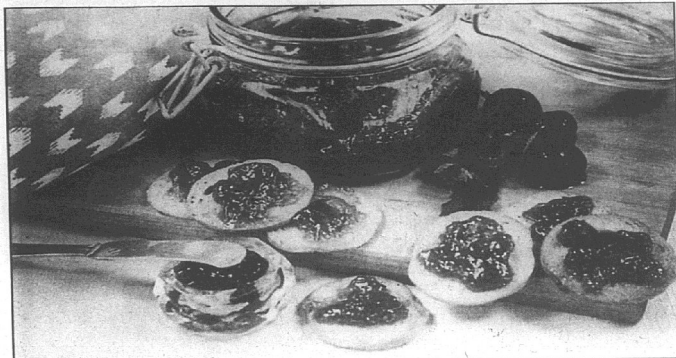
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Today's Food

Fresh, healthy cherries are ripe, red and ready to jam



Spread Ginger Cherry Jam around toast or English muffins.

By Dana Jacobi
Correspondent

During July and into August, while deep, dark, bing and rosy-cheeked, golden rainier cherries are in season, nearly every day I find myself buying a few generous handfuls of the glistening, plump fruit at local markets. I carry a plastic bag in my pocket to store pits neatly after I munch on this sugar-sweet fruit while moving around town.

Cherry season is wonderful. Until recently, I viewed cooking with fresh cherries less enthusiastically. In fact, I avoided it because getting the pits out of the fruit was, frankly, the pits. Preparing jam for this column, I found an easy way to pit cherries. The trick, in a word, is freezing.

Simply rinse the ripe fruit, stems and all, and dry it thoroughly. Place about 3 cups cherries in a self-sealing, quart-size plastic bag and pop it in the freezer.

Leave them there only overnight or as long as 12 months.

Thirty minutes before using them, take the bag from the freezer and let it sit at room temperature.

While the fruit is still partly frozen, pull it apart with your fingers and flip the pit right out.

Granted, using this

method to pit a couple pounds of cherries remains a meditative experience or something to do while watching TV, but it takes a fraction of the time required to pry pits using a knife or punching out the pits with a plunger-style gizmo that gives blisters.

Dana Jacobi — author of "Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: Soy!" — submits this material on behalf of the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.

GINGER CHERRY JAM

2 lb. fresh or frozen sweet cherries (thawed),
stemmed, pitted
3 cups sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
3 slices (1/2 inch thick) ginger root, peeled

Cover bottom of deep, heavy, 6-quart pot with one-third of the cherries. Cover with 1 cup sugar. Repeat twice, ending with final cup of sugar. Let sit until sugar has dissolved, about 1 hour if using frozen cherries, longer if fruit is fresh. Add lemon juice and ginger.

Over medium-low heat, bring cherries and sugar to boil. Use candy thermometer in pot or put a plate in freezer. After mixture comes to boil, keep it boiling gently until thermometer registers 230 degrees.

Otherwise, after jam cooks 20 minutes, spoon about 1 teaspoonful onto cold plate and return it to freezer. Wait 1 minute; if juices on plate gel when chilled, jam is done.

Spoon jam into sterilized glass jars. Cover. Cool to room temperature.

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Today's Food

Topping magically covers ice cream with crackly shell

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"This looks like something out of physics class, but it probably tastes a lot better," a tester said.

TEST RUN

The toppings tested, four of the flavors called "shells" from Hershey's and Smucker's, must be kept at room temperature so they stay fluid. They become firm at a cool temperature, which means they form a shell over ice cream.

Reactions to the toppings — Reese's chocolate and peanut butter, plus Smucker's cookie dough crunch, chocolate fudge and peanut butter — were enthusiastic.

"Good, better, best and scrumptious! Is that enough?" a taster asked, who then attributed one adjective to individual products.

"They were each very good. Both chocolate flavors made the best shell, but every one is worth its price for those who indulge in that good stuff," she added.

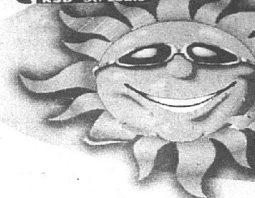
The two chocolate flavors, one with and the other without peanut butter, reacted the fastest to the cold temperature of the ice cream.

Smucker's fudge flavor was called "rich" by a tester.

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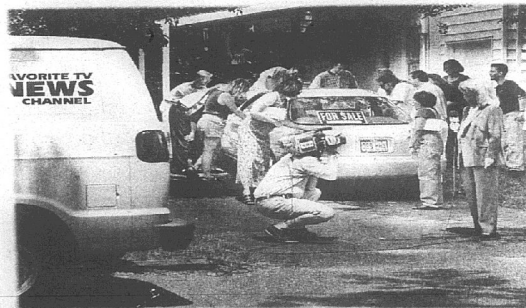
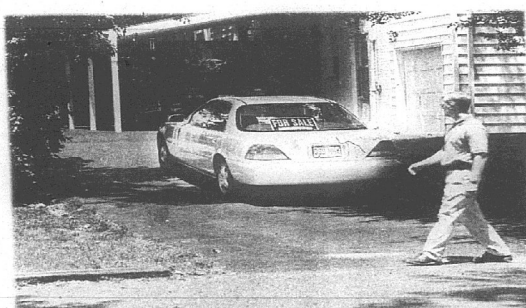
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As the French celebrate this historical event, French culinary classics updated with good nutrition in mind can be part of the observance worldwide.

Traditional French cooking is well known for lavish use of butter, cream and eggs. Like with all cuisines, the view beyond high-fat dishes popular with the French offers many healthy aspects.

In fact, the French eat basically the same Mediterranean diet often held as an example of sound nutrition.

Meat serves more as a garnish than focus of a meal. The French eat fresh fruits and vegetables abundantly each day.

Breakfast often consists of fruit with whole grain bread and honey. Meals are not complete without vegetable soup, a side vegetable or two, and salad with plenty of fresh greens.

The American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C., provides this information.



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1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. white pepper
1/4 cup orange juice
2 tsp. grated orange rind

Place oranges in covered baking pan in preheated 200 degree oven or warm in microwave oven about 1 minute on high power just before veal is finished cooking.

In large skillet, saute veal in hot oil until lightly browned. Add warm brandy. Flame until alcohol burns off completely.

Stir in bouillon, salt, pepper, orange juice and orange rind. Simmer, covered, about 8 minutes. Remove lid. Raise heat. Cook 4 minutes longer to reduce sauce. Serve veal on heated platter. Cover with sauce. Garnish with warm orange slices.

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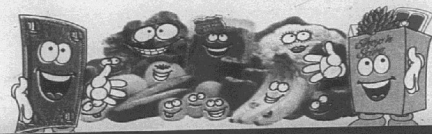
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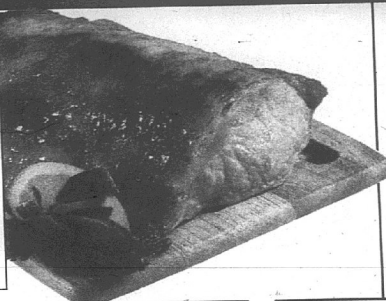
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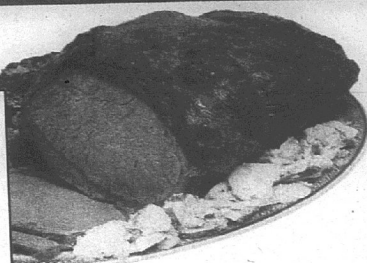
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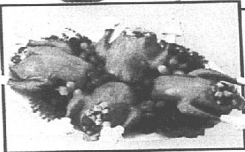
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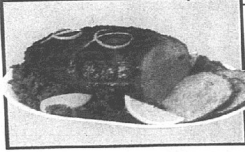
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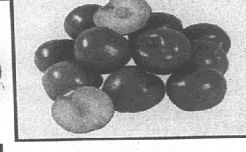
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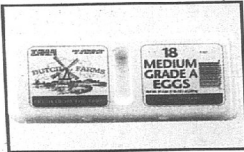
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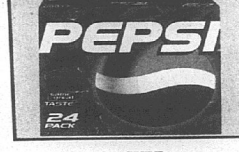
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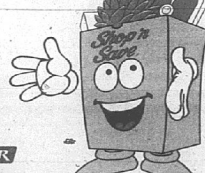
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